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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 6. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 7 and 8. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 2 page 2 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

AUSTRALIA : (Thousands)

(EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

		1955		1956				
		Apr.	May	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
MALES								
1. In Private Employment		1395.5	1398.5	(c)1395.4	1421.3	1421.2	1424.3	1424.5
In Governmental Employment -								
Commonwealth Authorities -								
Defence Group (a)		30.7	30.8	30.9	31.1	31.1	31.3	31.6
Other		129.5	129.9	131.6	130.7	130.2	130.2	130.4
State and Semi-Governmental		371.1	371.8	368.5	371.4	373.1	*374.6	376.5
Local Authorities		64.1	64.5	64.5	64.5	64.9	65.0	65.1
2. Total Governmental		595.4	597.0	595.5	597.7	599.3	*601.1	603.6
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment		1990.9	1995.5	(c)1990.9	2019.0	2020.5	*2025.4	2028.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,								
Oversea and National								
Service Trainees in Camp) (b)		58.9	59.1	59.9	60.1	58.4	58.9	58.6
5. Total, Civilian Employees,								
Defence Forces and Trainees		2049.8	2054.6	(c)2050.8	2079.1	2078.9	*2084.3	2086.7
FEMALES								
1. In Private Employment		614.6	615.4	628.3	632.1	633.5	631.0	630.9
In Governmental Employment -								
Commonwealth Authorities -								
Defence Group (a)		6.8	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3
Other		36.7	36.9	38.1	38.8	38.6	38.7	38.8
State and Semi-Governmental		72.1	72.2	72.6	75.2	76.9	77.3	77.6
Local Authorities		5.8	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0
2. Total Governmental		121.4	121.8	123.9	127.3	128.7	129.3	129.7
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment		736.0	737.2	752.2	759.4	762.2	760.3	760.6
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and								
Oversea)		2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees and								
Defence Forces		738.1	739.3	754.2	761.4	764.1	762.2	762.6
PERSONS								
1. In Private Employment		2010.1	2013.9	(c)2023.7	2053.4	2054.7	2055.3	2055.4
In Governmental Employment -								
Commonwealth Authorities -								
Defence Group (a)		37.5	37.7	38.1	38.3	38.3	38.6	38.9
Other		166.2	166.8	169.7	169.5	168.8	168.9	169.2
State and Semi-Governmental		443.2	444.0	441.1	446.6	450.0	*451.9	454.1
Local Authorities		69.9	70.3	70.5	70.6	70.9	71.0	71.1
2. Total Governmental		716.8	718.8	719.4	725.0	728.0	*730.4	733.3
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment		2726.9	2732.7	(c)2743.1	2778.4	2782.7	*2785.7	2788.7
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,								
Oversea and National								
Service Trainees in Camp) (b)		61.0	61.2	61.9	62.1	60.3	60.8	60.6
5. Total, Civilian Employees,								
Defence Forces and Trainees		2787.9	2793.9	(c)2805.0	2840.5	2843.0	*2846.5	2849.3

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. (c) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a)1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a)2734.7
August	1886.2	1949.3	1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	2740.0
September	1890.3	1953.1	2003.3	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	2747.7
October	1897.8	1955.2	2001.9	686.3	718.7	747.8	2584.1	2673.9	2749.7
November	1906.6	1964.8	2012.6	694.6	727.5	756.1	2601.2	2692.3	2768.7
December	1910.8	1969.0	2013.1	701.3	731.9	758.2	2612.1	2700.9	2771.7
January	1912.3	1968.1	(a)1990.9	697.7	724.2	752.2	2610.0	2692.3	(a)2743.7
February	1920.4	1977.4	2019.0	701.3	732.8	759.4	2621.7	2710.2	2778.4
March	1931.3	1986.3	2020.5	707.9	737.5	762.2	2639.2	2723.8	2782.7
April	1936.1	1990.9	* 2025.4	707.5	736.0	760.3	2643.6	2726.9	* 2785.7
May	1941.9	1995.5	2028.1	707.3	737.2	760.6	2649.2	2732.7	2788.7
June	1948.4	2000.5		707.5	738.5		2655.9	2739.0	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 2 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5	60.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.5	62.6	62.0
November	57.0	52.5	51.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	59.0	54.6	53.9
December	52.5	50.1	49.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	54.5	52.1	51.8
January	62.7	60.1	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	64.7	62.1	61.9
February	62.3	60.1	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.3	62.2	62.1
March	61.3	57.9	58.4	1.9	2.1	1.9	63.2	60.0	60.3
April	59.8	58.9	58.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	61.8	61.0	60.8
May	61.0	59.1	58.6	1.9	2.1	2.0	62.9	61.2	60.6
June	60.1	57.7		2.0	2.1		62.1	59.8	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a)2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a)2796.7
August	1951.7	2010.8	2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	2063.4	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	2809.4
October	1960.3	2015.7	2061.9	688.3	720.8	749.8	2648.6	2736.5	2811.7
November	1963.6	2017.3	2064.5	696.6	729.6	758.1	2660.2	2746.9	2822.6
December	1963.3	2019.1	2062.9	703.3	733.9	760.2	2666.6	2753.0	2823.1
January	1975.0	2028.2	(a)2050.8	699.7	726.2	754.2	2674.7	2754.4	(a)2805.0
February	1982.7	2037.5	2079.1	703.3	734.9	761.4	2686.0	2772.4	2840.5
March	1992.6	2044.2	2078.9	709.8	739.6	764.1	2702.4	2783.8	2843.0
April	1995.9	2049.8	*2084.3	709.5	738.1	762.2	2705.4	2787.9	* 2846.5
May	2002.9	2054.6	2086.7	709.2	739.3	762.6	2712.1	2793.9	2849.3
June	2008.5	2058.2		709.5	740.6		2718.0	2798.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 4 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1954 April	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
August	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
March	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
April	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
August	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept.	597.7	1,405.6	2,003.3	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.8	2,747.2	62.2
Oct.	595.2	1,406.7	2,001.9	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.2	2,030.5	2,749.7	62.0
Nov.	595.4	1,417.2	2,012.6	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.3	2,048.4	2,768.7	53.9
Dec.	596.5	1,416.6	2,013.1	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.5	2,050.8	2,771.3	51.8
1956 Jan. (e)	595.5	1,395.4	1,990.9	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.4	2,023.7	2,743.1	61.9
Feb.	597.7	1,421.3	2,019.0	127.3	632.1	759.4	725.0	2,053.4	2,778.4	62.1
March	599.3	1,421.2	2,020.5	128.7	633.5	762.2	728.0	2,054.7	2,782.7	60.3
April*	601.1	1,424.3	2,025.4	129.3	631.0	760.3	730.4	2,055.3	2,785.7	60.8
May	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	129.7	630.9	760.6	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	60.6

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 5 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, MAY, 1956

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total								
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	P
New South Wales	9.6	1.1	45.4	14.2	55.0	15.3	134.5	26.0	26.6	2.8	216.1	44.1	260.2
Victoria	16.4	5.1	34.3	11.0	50.7	16.1	96.2	24.3	13.1	1.5	160.0	41.9	201.9
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.6	4.5	17.8	4.7	56.2	7.7	16.7	0.9	90.7	13.3	104.0
South Australia	3.4	0.7	12.3	2.9	15.7	3.6	38.3	9.4	3.0	0.3	57.0	13.3	70.3
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.4	2.1	9.1	2.2	37.7	6.5	3.5	0.3	50.3	9.0	59.3
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.2	1.2	4.3	1.3	13.6	3.7	2.2	0.2	20.1	5.2	25.3
Northern Terr.	0.1	..	2.3	0.6	2.4	0.6	..	..	..	..	2.4	0.6	3.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	..	6.9	2.3	7.0	2.3	..	..	..	..	7.0	2.3	9.3
Total, May, 1956	31.6	7.3	130.4	38.8	162.0	46.1	376.5	77.6	65.1	6.0	603.6	129.7	733.3
Total, April, 1956*	31.3	7.3	130.2	38.7	161.5	46.0	374.6	77.3	65.0	6.0	601.1	129.3	730.4

(a) See note (a) to Table 4 on previous page. * Revised.

TABLE 6 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	June 1955	April, 1956	May, 1956
MALES									
New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	787.8	788.6
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	565.4	565.6
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	272.8	274.3
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	* 184.4	184.9
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	136.9	136.2
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	64.7	65.0
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.5
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	*2025.4	2028.1
FEMALES									
New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	300.4	300.7
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	233.8	233.4
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	90.6	91.0
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	63.6	63.3
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.8	45.0
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	23.0	23.0
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.1
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	760.3	760.6
PERSONS									
New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1088.2	1089.3
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	799.2	799.0
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	363.4	365.3
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	* 248.0	248.2
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	181.7	181.2
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	87.7	88.0
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.5	11.6
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	*2785.7	2788.7

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. * Revised.

II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 7 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - MAY, 1956

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
MALES							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.3	5.9	5.9	1.7	2.4	2.1	26.7
Mining and Quarrying	29.2	4.8	9.8	1.7	7.9	3.0	57.1
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	295.0	227.7	74.1	70.7	35.2	20.4	723.1
Other (b)	27.4	19.0	10.6	2.5	2.5	0.6	63.9
Total Manufacturing:	322.4	246.7	84.7	73.2	37.7	21.0	787.0
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	75.9	53.6	35.6	21.5	15.2	9.0	213.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.3	11.5	9.0	6.0	4.9	2.6	51.5
Rail and Air Transport	39.7	22.0	22.9	10.1	11.1	2.6	108.8
Other Transport and Communication	61.0	38.7	24.1	12.9	9.0	4.4	150.9
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	24.0	18.5	8.4	5.2	3.9	1.5	61.6
Retail Trade	50.7	37.8	15.6	12.4	9.5	3.7	130.1
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.4	43.4	21.8	15.5	15.0	4.7	152.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.8	28.7	11.7	8.0	7.4	3.8	100.7
Other Industries (g)	71.9	54.0	24.8	16.7	12.2	6.6	187.9
TOTAL MALES:	788.6	565.6	274.3	184.9	136.2	65.0	2,028.1
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.4	89.8	14.0	16.4	6.1	5.1	228.8
Other (b)	1.1	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	..	7.4
Total Manufacturing:	98.5	92.1	16.9	16.5	7.0	5.1	236.2
Rail and Air Transport	4.0	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.7
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.7	9.5	4.6	2.8	1.5	1.3	31.5
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	18.6	11.7	4.7	3.4	2.3	1.0	41.8
Retail Trade	45.8	33.5	16.1	13.0	10.2	4.3	123.3
Wholesale and Other Commerce	18.0	12.6	7.1	4.2	3.7	1.1	46.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.1	7.1	4.5	1.7	2.0	1.0	29.0
Other Industries (g)	93.0	64.8	35.8	21.0	17.9	9.1	243.4
TOTAL FEMALES:	300.7	233.4	91.0	63.3	45.0	23.0	760.6
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.4	6.0	5.9	1.7	2.4	2.1	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	29.6	4.9	10.1	1.8	8.1	3.1	58.3
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	392.4	317.5	88.1	87.1	41.3	25.5	951.9
Other (b)	28.5	21.3	13.5	2.6	3.4	0.6	71.3
Total Manufacturing:	420.9	338.8	101.6	89.7	44.7	26.1	1,023.2
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	78.1	54.9	36.2	22.0	15.5	9.1	218.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.4	12.1	9.3	6.2	5.1	2.7	54.0
Rail and Air Transport	43.7	24.1	24.2	10.8	11.5	2.7	117.5
Other Transport and Communication	71.6	47.6	28.4	15.5	10.3	5.6	179.9
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	42.6	30.2	13.1	8.6	6.2	2.5	103.4
Retail Trade	96.5	71.3	31.7	25.4	19.7	8.0	253.4
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.4	56.0	28.9	19.7	18.7	5.8	198.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.9	35.8	16.2	9.7	9.4	4.8	129.7
Other Industries (g)	162.2	117.3	59.7	37.1	29.6	15.5	424.8
TOTAL PERSONS:	1,089.3	799.0	365.3	248.2	181.2	88.0	2,788.7

For notes see page 8.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	April, 1955	May, 1955	Feb., 1956	March, 1956	April, 1956	May, 1956
MALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.7	26.7	27.0	26.9	26.7	26.7
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.6	9.6	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.3
Coal	28.8	28.8	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.7
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.0	12.0	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.7
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.8	57.9	56.6	56.5	56.8	57.1
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	711.4	713.5	721.8	722.4	723.9	723.1
Other (b)	62.4	62.3	63.6	63.7	63.8	63.9
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	773.8	775.8	785.4	786.1	787.7	787.0
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed)(c)	90.8	91.5	97.8	96.8	97.7	99.5
Other (d)	117.7	119.0	112.9	112.8	* 113.8	114.3
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	208.5	210.5	210.7	209.6	* 211.5	213.8
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	84.1	84.4	85.9	86.4	86.6	86.5
Shipping and Stevedoring	50.3	51.3	50.2	49.6	51.1	51.5
Rail and Air Transport	108.4	108.1	108.0	108.0	108.7	108.8
Communication	63.7	63.9	64.5	64.2	64.3	64.4
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	306.5	307.7	308.6	308.2	310.7	311.2
<u>Property and Finance, (including Banks and Insurance)</u>						
	59.6	59.5	61.0	61.6	61.5	61.6
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	124.0	123.9	127.4	127.8	127.7	126.9
Primary Produce Agencies	24.0	23.6	25.2	24.9	24.6	25.1
Retail Trade	129.2	129.4	130.2	130.5	130.1	130.1
<u>Total Commerce</u>	277.2	276.9	282.8	283.2	282.4	282.1
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	98.6	98.9	100.1	100.0	100.3	100.7
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.2	20.2	20.6	20.7	20.8	20.9
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	26.0	26.0	27.1	26.8	26.7	26.8
Education	38.4	38.6	39.2	40.7	41.0	41.0
Other Professional	12.7	12.9	14.2	14.3	14.3	14.3
Entertainment, Sport	18.5	18.2	18.2	18.7	18.3	18.4
Personal Service (e)	55.0	54.3	56.1	55.8	55.3	55.1
<u>Total Other</u>	182.2	181.6	186.8	188.4	187.8	187.9
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1990.9	1995.5	2019.0	2020.5	*2025.4	2028.1
FEMALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	225.3	224.8	231.7	230.8	229.4	228.8
Other (b)	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	232.5	232.0	239.2	238.3	236.8	236.2
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	8.8	8.8	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7
Communication	18.5	18.6	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.4
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	38.1	38.2	39.9	40.0	40.1	40.2

For notes see page 8.

* Revised.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (Continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	April, 1955	May, 1955	Feb., 1956	March, 1956	April, 1956	May, 1956
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FEMALES (Continued)

Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)	37.8	37.9	41.2	41.8	41.9	41.8
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	39.3	39.3	41.0	41.4	40.7	40.7
Primary Produce Agencies	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.0
Retail Trade	120.3	121.6	123.3	123.2	122.7	123.3
Total Commerce	165.5	166.7	170.2	170.4	169.4	170.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	28.3	28.4	28.6	28.7	28.8	29.0
Other -						
Law and Order	9.4	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	72.5	73.0	75.1	76.1	76.7	77.3
Education	47.7	47.8	49.0	50.5	50.6	50.7
Other Professional	9.7	9.6	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.3
Entertainment, Sport	8.9	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.1
Personal Service (e)	70.5	70.3	71.8	72.0	71.6	70.7
Total Other	227.7	227.9	234.0	236.7	236.9	236.9
TOTAL:	736.0	737.2	759.4	762.2	760.3	760.6

PERSONS

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.9	26.9	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.9
Mining -						
Gold	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.6
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.9	9.9	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.6
Coal	29.0	29.0	27.0	26.9	26.9	26.9
Other (including Quarries)	12.5	12.5	12.8	12.9	13.1	13.2
Total Mining and Quarrying	58.9	59.0	57.7	57.6	58.0	58.3
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	936.7	938.3	953.5	953.2	953.3	951.9
Other (b)	69.6	69.5	71.1	71.2	71.2	71.3
Total Manufacturing	1006.3	1007.8	1024.6	1024.4	1024.5	1023.2
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	93.5	94.2	100.6	99.6	100.5	102.3
Other (d)	119.8	121.1	115.1	115.0	* 116.0	116.6
Total Building and Construction	213.3	215.3	215.7	214.6	* 216.5	218.9
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	92.9	93.2	95.3	95.8	96.1	96.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	52.7	53.7	52.6	52.1	53.6	54.0
Rail and Air Transport	116.8	116.5	116.6	116.6	117.3	117.5
Communication	82.2	82.5	84.0	83.7	83.8	83.8
Total Transport, etc.	344.6	345.9	348.5	348.2	350.8	351.4
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)	97.4	97.4	102.2	103.4	103.4	103.4
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	163.3	163.2	168.4	169.2	168.4	167.6
Primary Produce Agencies	29.9	29.4	31.1	30.7	30.6	31.1
Retail Trade	249.5	251.0	253.5	253.7	252.8	253.4
Total Commerce	442.7	443.6	453.0	453.6	451.8	452.1
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	126.9	127.3	128.7	128.7	129.1	129.7
Other -						
Law and Order	29.6	29.7	30.3	30.5	30.6	30.7
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	98.5	99.0	102.2	102.9	103.4	104.1
Education	86.1	86.4	88.2	91.2	91.6	91.7
Other Professional	22.4	22.5	24.5	24.6	24.5	24.6
Entertainment, Sport	27.4	26.9	27.3	27.7	27.3	27.5
Personal Service (e)	125.5	124.6	127.9	127.8	126.9	125.8
Total Other	409.9	409.5	420.8	425.1	424.7	424.8
TOTAL:	2726.9	2732.7	2778.4	2782.7	*2785.7	2788.7

For notes see page 8.

* Revised.

NOTES TO TABLES 7 AND 8

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff." The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 9 and 11 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 13. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 9 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :
SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males *	Females	Persons *	Males	Females	Persons
1955 : January	368,069	117,016	485,085	..	..	..
February	372,210	119,410	491,620	+ 1.1	+ 2.0	+ 1.3
March	373,293	119,059	492,352	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	373,192	116,257	489,449	-	- 2.4	- 0.6
May	373,921	115,647	489,568	+ 0.2	- 0.5	-
June	376,595	116,065	492,660	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
July	377,256	115,364	492,620	+ 0.2	- 0.6	-
August	377,708	115,765	493,473	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	378,765	117,023	495,788	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
October	379,826	117,443	497,269	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	380,489	117,240	497,729	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
December	379,042	118,148	497,190	- 0.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1
1956 : January (a)	374,687	116,116	490,803	- 1.1	- 1.7	- 1.3
February	377,073	120,181	497,254	+ 0.6	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	376,676	119,850	496,526	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.1
April	377,386	117,420	494,806	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.3
May	376,946	*116,378	493,324	*- 0.1	*- 0.9	- 0.3
June	374,475	115,375	489,850	- 0.7	- 0.9	- 0.7

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 10 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :
STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			Apr., 1956-	May, 1956-
	May	June	April	May	June	May, 1956	June, 1956
MALES							
New South Wales	148,454	149,115	151,437	150,979	149,358	- 0.3	- 1.1
Victoria	111,763	112,111	113,744	*113,005	112,089	*- 0.6	- 0.8
Queensland	40,369	42,089	38,967	* 40,548	41,420	+ 4.1	+ 2.2
South Australia	42,508	42,518	42,392	41,812	41,143	- 1.4	- 1.6
West. Australia	* 18,583	18,602	* 18,081	* 17,821	17,735	- 1.4	- 0.5
Tasmania	12,244	12,160	12,765	12,781	12,730	+ 0.1	- 0.4
TOTAL	*373,921	376,595	*377,386	376,946	374,475	*- 0.1	- 0.7

FEMALES

New South Wales	45,904	46,175	46,032	45,801	45,386	- 0.5	- 0.9
Victoria	44,440	44,490	45,477	44,937	44,388	- 1.2	- 1.2
Queensland	8,560	8,582	8,410	* 8,525	8,669	*+ 1.4	+ 1.7
South Australia	8,852	8,903	9,267	8,842	8,712	- 4.6	- 1.5
West. Australia	3,842	3,747	3,636	3,612	3,557	- 0.7	- 1.5
Tasmania	4,049	4,168	4,598	4,661	4,663	+ 1.4	-
TOTAL	115,647	116,065	117,420	*116,378	115,375	*- 0.9	- 0.9

PERSONS

New South Wales	194,358	195,290	197,469	196,780	194,744	- 0.3	- 1.0
Victoria	156,203	156,601	159,221	*157,942	156,477	*- 0.8	- 0.9
Queensland	48,929	50,671	47,377	* 49,073	50,089	*+ 3.6	+ 2.1
South Australia	51,360	51,421	51,659	50,654	49,855	- 1.9	- 1.6
West. Australia	* 22,425	22,349	* 21,717	* 21,433	21,292	- 1.3	- 0.7
Tasmania	16,293	16,328	17,363	17,442	17,393	+ 0.5	- 0.3
TOTAL	*489,568	492,660	*494,806	*493,324	489,850	- 0.3	- 0.7

* Revised.

**TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
SIX STATES**

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males*	Females	Persons*	Males	Females	Persons
1955 January	318,191	99,190	417,381	..	..	..
February	320,062	99,631	419,693	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
March	321,610	99,897	421,507	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
April	322,079	99,722	421,801	+ 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
May	322,301	99,672	421,973	+ 0.1	- 0.1	-
June	323,465	100,169	423,634	*+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
July	323,753	100,156	423,909	+ 0.1	-	+ 0.1
August	323,799	100,442	424,241	-	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
September	324,106	101,497	425,603	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	323,984	101,676	425,660	-	+ 0.2	-
November	324,807	101,602	426,409	+ 0.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
December	325,061	101,114	426,175	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1
1956 January	325,637	99,268	424,905	+ 0.2	- 1.8	- 0.3
February	325,498	100,524	426,022	-	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
March	325,649	100,976	426,625	-	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
April	326,362	100,561	426,923	+ 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.1
May	325,159	*100,153	425,312	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
June	322,175	99,498	421,673	- 0.9	- 0.7	- 0.9

* Revised.

**TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
STATES**

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			Apr., 1956- May, 1956	May, 1956- June, 1956
	May	June	Apr.	May	June		

MALES

New South Wales	134,669	135,323	137,480	137,208	135,752	- 0.2	- 1.1
Victoria	97,549	98,078	99,625	* 99,300	98,543	*- 0.3	- 0.8
Queensland	25,682	25,656	25,452	* 25,415	25,287	*- 0.1	- 0.5
South Australia	38,077	38,134	37,686	37,282	36,700	- 1.1	- 1.6
West. Australia	* 16,257	16,250	* 15,704	* 15,499	15,489	- 1.3	- 0.1
Tasmania	10,067	10,024	10,415	10,455	10,404	+ 0.4	- 0.5
TOTAL	*322,301	323,465	*326,362	*325,159	322,175	- 0.4	- 0.9

FEMALES

New South Wales	40,062	40,405	40,164	40,096	39,901	- 0.2	- 0.5
Victoria	39,476	39,551	40,037	39,840	39,451	- 0.5	- 1.0
Queensland	6,803	6,833	6,915	* 6,914	6,882	* -	- 0.5
South Australia	7,581	7,633	7,588	7,412	7,379	- 2.3	- 0.4
West. Australia	2,972	2,880	2,777	2,763	2,744	- 0.5	- 0.7
Tasmania	2,778	2,867	3,080	3,128	3,141	+ 1.6	+ 0.4
TOTAL	99,672	100,169	100,561	*100,153	99,498	- 0.4	- 0.7

PERSONS

New South Wales	174,731	175,728	177,644	177,304	175,653	- 0.2	- 0.9
Victoria	137,025	137,629	139,662	*139,140	137,994	*- 0.4	- 0.8
Queensland	32,485	32,489	32,367	* 32,329	32,169	*- 0.1	- 0.5
South Australia	45,658	45,767	45,274	44,694	44,079	- 1.3	- 1.4
West. Australia	* 19,229	19,130	* 18,481	* 18,262	18,233	- 1.2	- 0.2
Tasmania	12,845	12,891	13,495	13,583	13,545	+ 0.7	- 0.3
TOTAL	*421,973	423,634	*426,923	*425,312	421,673	- 0.4	- 0.9

* Revised.

TABLE 13 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES
INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 states)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	June, 1955	April, 1956	May, 1956	June, 1956	Apr., 1956- May, 1956	May, 1956- June, 1956
MALES						
1. Building Materials	34,048	34,230	34,049	33,888	- 0.5	- 0.5
2. Basic Metals	37,658	38,389	38,544	38,568	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
3. Transportation Equipment	59,447	61,494	*60,956	59,069	*- 0.9	- 3.1
4. Other Metal Manufactures	85,453	84,561	84,085	83,504	- 0.6	- 0.7
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,360	*18,711	*18,550	18,406	- 0.9	- 0.8
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,687	32,668	*32,641	32,626	*- 0.1	-
7. Food	50,994	48,674	*49,461	49,974	+ 1.6	+ 1.0
8. All Other	45,788	45,894	45,879	45,710	-	- 0.4
Total - All Groups	364,435	*364,621	*364,165	361,745	*- 0.1	- 0.7
Total - Excluding Food	313,441	*315,947	*314,704	311,771	- 0.4	- 0.9
FEMALES						
1. Building Materials	2,920	3,052	3,046	3,007	- 0.2	- 1.3
2. Basic Metals	1,994	1,994	2,005	2,027	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
3. Transportation Equipment	5,364	5,666	5,701	5,500	+ 0.6	- 4.5
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,792	17,677	17,481	17,227	- 1.1	- 1.5
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,270	4,283	4,255	4,271	- 0.7	+ 0.4
6. Clothing and Textiles	52,249	52,073	*51,843	51,625	*- 0.4	- 0.4
7. Food	14,595	15,341	14,692	14,355	- 4.2	- 2.3
8. All Other	12,713	12,736	12,694	12,700	- 0.3	-
Total - All Groups	111,897	112,822	*111,717	110,712	*- 1.0	- 0.9
Total - Excluding Food	97,302	97,481	* 97,025	96,357	*- 0.5	- 0.7

* Revised.

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR**TABLE 14 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA**

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1953 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Dec. Quarter	2,436	2,477
1947-48	1,164	1,206	1954 -		
1948-49	1,322	1,365	March "	2,491	2,552
1949-50	1,451	1,505	June "	2,477	2,534
			Sept. "	2,522	2,609
1950-51	1,742	1,810	Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1951-52	2,145	2,213	1955 -		
1952-53	2,350	2,394	March "	2,589	2,705
1953-54	2,462	2,511	June "	2,652	2,730
1954-55	2,572	2,658	Sept. "	2,689	2,767
			Dec. "	2,731	2,810
			1956 -		
			March "	2,749	2,819

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1953-54 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1954 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 15 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>31ST DECEMBER, 1955</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	344	323	308	318	339	330	330
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	316	317	311	340	331	322
III. Food, Drink, etc.	328	331	303	322	328	333	324
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	375	371	354	355	391	374	370
VI. Other Manufacturing	330	319	298	319	325	328	322
VII. Building	377	357	339	339	356	344	360
VIII. Mining (c)	337	332	319	303	358	325	335
IX. Rail and Tram Services	350	340	315	316	330	334	337
X. Other Land Transport	327	306	289	301	328	316	314
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	387	351	349	338	358	373	364
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	315	309	279	286	305	296	305
XIV. Miscellaneous	326	319	293	293	318	307	315
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	346	331	318	317	340	337	334
<u>31ST MARCH, 1956</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	346	323	308	318	340	330	331
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	318	317	311	341	331	323
III. Food, Drink, etc.	332	334	304	322	330	344	326
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	326	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	382	374	354	355	392	374	374
VI. Other Manufacturing	334	321	298	319	326	337	325
VII. Building	381	360	339	339	358	353	364
VIII. Mining (c)	338	335	319	303	360	337	337
IX. Rail and Tram Services	354	345	327	316	331	334	341
X. Other Land Transport	331	308	299	301	329	316	317
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (f)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	316	312	279	286	306	315	307
XIV. Miscellaneous	330	323	294	293	320	314	319
<u>All Groups (b) (g)</u>	349	334	319	317	341	345	337

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based include the value of keep, where supplied. (f) Not available. (g) For March, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage index numbers have been calculated by applying to the "All Groups" index numbers for December, 1955 the percentage movement from December to March, as shown by the index numbers for "All Groups, Excluding XI and XII".

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q ^{LD} .	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
30th September, 1954	346	336	323	327	352	341	339
31st December, 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350
31st December, 1955	365	355	334	337	370	350	357
31st March, 1956	368	358	335	337	372	358	358

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 17 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q ^{LD} .	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1955 July	1,070	335	615	55	268	67	1,381	1,029	2,410
August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677
December	966	356	1,442	56	377	48	2,546	699	3,245
1956 January	1,322	359	2,561	46	414	40	3,958	784	4,742
February	1,937	341	3,371	55	374	50	5,217	911	6,128
March	2,245	350	3,268	64	536	31	5,448	1,046	6,494
April	1,789	566	2,223	88	683	30	4,230	1,149	5,379
May	1,848	760	1,562	141	989	36	4,037	1,299	5,336
June	2,325	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	5,395	1,608	7,003

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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19TH JULY, 1956

1. NAME
 2. AGE
 3. SEX
 4. DATE
 5. TIME
 6. PLACE
 7. REMARKS

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(z)
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126
127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152
153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178
179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204
205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230
231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256
257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280	281	282
283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308
309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334
335	336	337	338	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360
361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380	381	382	383	384	385	386
387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410	411	412
413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420	421	422	423	424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432	433	434	435	436	437	438
439	440	441	442	443	444	445	446	447	448	449	450	451	452	453	454	455	456	457	458	459	460	461	462	463	464
465	466	467	468	469	470	471	472	473	474	475	476	477	478	479	480	481	482	483	484	485	486	487	488	489	490
491	492	493	494	495	496	497	498	499	500	501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510	511	512	513	514	515	516
517	518	519	520	521	522	523	524	525	526	527	528	529	530	531	532	533	534	535	536	537	538	539	540	541	542
543	544	545	546	547	548	549	550	551	552	553	554	555	556	557	558	559	560	561	562	563	564	565	566	567	568
569	570	571	572	573	574	575	576	577	578	579	580	581	582	583	584	585	586	587	588	589	590	591	592	593	594
595	596	597	598	599	600	601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	610	611	612	613	614	615	616	617	618	619	620
621	622	623	624	625	626	627	628	629	630	631	632	633	634	635	636	637	638	639	640	641	642	643	644	645	646
647	648	649	650	651	652	653	654	655	656	657	658	659	660	661	662	663	664	665	666	667	668	669	670	671	672
673	674	675	676	677	678	679	680	681	682	683	684	685	686	687	688	689	690	691	692	693	694	695	696	697	698
699	700	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710	711	712	713	714	715	716	717	718	719	720	721	722	723	724
725	726	727	728	729	730	731	732	733	734	735	736	737	738	739	740	741	742	743	744	745	746	747	748	749	750
751	752	753	754	755	756	757	758	759	760	761	762	763	764	765	766	767	768	769	770	771	772	773	774	775	776
777	778	779	780	781	782	783	784	785	786	787	788	789	790	791	792	793	794	795	796	797	798	799	800	801	802
803	804	805	806	807	808	809	810	811	812	813	814	815	816	817	818	819	820	821	822	823	824	825	826	827	828
829	830	831	832	833	834	835	836	837	838	839	840	841	842	843	844	845	846	847	848	849	850	851	852	853	854
855	856	857	858	859	860	861	862	863	864	865	866	867	868	869	870	871	872	873	874	875	876	877	878	879	880
881	882	883	884	885	886	887	888	889	890	891	892	893	894	895	896	897	898	899	900	901	902	903	904	905	906
907	908	909	910	911	912	913	914	915	916	917	918	919	920	921	922	923	924	925	926	927	928	929	930	931	932
933	934	935	936	937	938	939	940	941	942	943	944	945	946	947	948	949	950	951	952	953	954	955	956	957	958
959	960	961	962	963	964	965	966	967	968	969	970	971	972	973	974	975	976	977	978	979	980	981	982	983	984
985	986	987	988	989	990	991	992	993	994	995	996	997	998	999	1000	1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006	1007	1008	1009	1010
1011	1012	1013	1014	1015	1016	1017	1018	1019	1020	1021	1022	1023	1024	1025	1026	1027	1028	1029	1030	1031	1032	1033	1034	1035	1036
1037	1038	1039	1040	1041	1042	1043	1044	1045	1046	1047	1048	1049	1050	1051	1052	1053	1054	1055	1056	1057	1058	1059	1060	1061	1062
1063	1064	1065	1066	1067	1068	1069	1070	1071	1072	1073	1074	1075	1076	1077	1078	1079	1080	1081	1082	1083	1084	1085	1086	1087	1088
1089	1090	1091	1092	1093	1094	1095	1096	1097	1098	1099	1100	1101	1102	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107	1108	1109	1110	1111	1112	1113	1114
1115	1116	1117	1118	1119	1120	1121	1122	1123	1124	1125	1126	1127	1128	1129	1130	1131	1132	1133	1134	1135	1136	1137	1138	1139	1140
1141	1142	1143	1144	1145	1146	1147	1148	1149	1150	1151	1152	1153	1154	1155	1156	1157	1158	1159	1160	1161	1162	1163	1164	1165	1166
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